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1. A purge of Jews began very quietly during the summer of 1952 in Poland. There was no publicity attached to this purge at the time and, according [redacted] no publicity will accompany any future purges.

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2. The province of Bialystok has been selected as the area in which all Jews affected by the purge will be resettled; this includes civilians as well as military personnel. Jews now serving in the army who are or were stationed along the coast and in the western part of Poland are being transferred to Bialystok. A special section, called the special office for investigation of persons of Jewish descent in Poland, was set up in the voivodship UB (Security Police) office at Bialystok. The office is headed by a Soviet Colonel Morozow; there are also several Soviet MVD officers who speak Polish rather well.

3. The UB is known to number many Jews among its employees; most of them hold high positions. These include the following: Colonels Gotland, Ajzen, Kornecki, Jakubowicz, Lieutenant Colonels Cyngisiel, Kolnors, Fredkzel, and Major Fachtera. Another Jew, Lieutenant Colonel Skalny, is the director of the passport office on Ul. Armii Wojska Polskiego 14, Warsaw.

4. The purge, which began in the summer of 1952, has already affected many technical and military sections employing Jews in several ministries. The ministries affected include the communications, national defense and heavy industry ministries. The second phase of the purge is now affecting Jews in the following ministries: justice, national defense, foreign affairs, and education. Many Jews who are now serving outside of Poland will soon be recalled to Poland. Included in the purge are a large number of Jews who, during the German occupation, changed their names, religion, and race, even though they officially are Christians and Poles (sic) and do not admit to being Jewish.

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5. Warehouses belonging to the Jewish Joint Distribution Committee are located at Warsaw on Ul. 11-go Listopada 22 and at Ul. Tlumacka 5 are being liquidated (sic).

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